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SECRETARY DOLE RECEIVES
JTPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole has accepted the second and final report of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Advisory Committee. The report, "Working Capital: Coordinated Human Investment Directions for the 90's," analyzes the coordination of JTPA with other human resources programs and provides recommendations for the future of such coordination.

In accepting the report, Secretary Dole noted, "Building a coherent human resources delivery system will be a critical factor in solving the workforce crisis which confronts our nation. The seven-point plan I announced on October 26 must be based on a solid public-private partnership, and efficient, integrated delivery of public human-resources services is essential to the success of that partnership."

The report's policy statement urges a three-point agenda concerning coordination among JTPA and other human resources programs. The agenda includes:

. Assertion of Presidential leadership to identify national human resources goals and to encourage collaborative human services policy, planning and delivery at the state and local levels.

. Establishment of an effective partnership framework for policy and planning at the federal, state and local levels.

. Assignment of priority to coordination in federal agencies' research, demonstration and technical assistance programs.

The report also includes three papers providing specific policy recommendations on JTPA-welfare linkages, JTPA-education collaboration, and coordinating ETA-administered programs.

Committee Chair Marion Pines, a senior fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies, submitted the report to the Labor Secretary. It follows the first report, "Working Capital: JTPA Investments for the 90's," which was issued in March 1989 and made recommendations providing the basis for the proposed JTPA amendments currently before Congress.

A free, single copy of the report is available from: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Employment and Training Programs, Room N4469, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Please send a self-addressed mailing label.

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The first state to create a permanent agency to mediate labor disputes was New York in 1886, according to "Labor Firsts in America," a U.S. Labor Department publication.

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The first federal arbitration law was passed in 1888. It applied only to railroad workers and provided for voluntary arbitration by a presidentially appointed three-man board to arbitrate labor disputes, according to "Labor Firsts in America," a U.S. Labor Department publication.

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The first use of the term "collective bargaining" was in 1891. According to "Labor Firsts in America," a U.S. Labor Department publication, the term was coined by Beatrice Potter, a moderate Socialist, in "The Co-operative Movement."

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